

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown.

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension.

2. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the at least one holding element comprises a continuous band which extends around the headwear piece.

3. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the at least one holding element comprises a band which has first and second parts which are joinable to extend around the headwear piece.

4. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

4/5. The combination according to claim 3 wherein the band  
2 comprises a string material.

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6. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the at least one  
holding element comprises a cylindrical tube

14/17. The combination according to claim 6 wherein the cylindrical  
2 tube defines a storage space for the headwear piece and comprises an open end  
through which the headwear piece can be introduced into the storage space and  
removed from the storage space and a removable cap for selectively blocking the  
open end.

19/17. The combination according to claim 6 wherein the cylindrical  
tube has a peripheral wall through which the headwear piece in the storage space  
can be viewed.

5/9. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the visor  
2 comprises a foam layer.

6/10. The combination according to claim 1 wherein with the visor  
2 in the deformed state the visor defines a cylindrical shape.

7/11. The combination according to claim 10 wherein with the visor  
2 in the deformed state the visor is doubled against itself to extend through 360°.

2 ~~8~~ 12. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown is folded against itself.

2 ~~9~~ 13. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown is folded against the visor.

2 ~~10~~ 14. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown is folded against itself and the visor.

2 ~~15~~ 15. The combination according to claim 13 wherein the visor in the deformed state defines a cylindrical shape and at least a part of the crown resides within the cylindrical shape.

2 ~~11~~ 16. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown has a closed, cup shape.

2 ~~12~~ 17. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown comprises a head engaging portion extending through 360°.

2 ~~13~~ 18. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the crown comprises a head engaging portion which extends through less than 360°.

*Sub* ~~19~~ 19. In combination:

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a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state.

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20. The combination according to claim 1 wherein with the visor in the deformed state the cylindrical shape extends through 360°.

25 ~~21~~. The combination according to claim ~~19~~ wherein the visor comprises a foam layer.

26 ~~22~~. The combination according to claim ~~19~~ wherein the at least one holding element extends through 360° around the headwear piece.

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